

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of Health Care Access
Medicaid Spending in Acute Care Hospitals
Fiscal Year 1998

The Medicaid program is the primary source of health care for low-income families with children, the low-income elderly, and disabled persons. Medicaid is financed jointly by the federal government and the states. States administer the program, but federal guidelines require states to cover specific categories of people and types of benefits, including in-patient and out-patient hospital physician services; laboratory and X-ray services; nursing homes and home health care; early and periodic screening; diagnosis and treatment for children under 21; family planning; and rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers.

Connecticut Medicaid expenditures in health care facilities totaled \$2,040,051,795 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1998. Acute care hospitals in Connecticut accounted for \$277,434,218 or 14% of the state's Medicaid budget. There were 371,867 discharges from Connecticut hospitals in FY 1998. Of this number, 49,785 or 13% were Medicaid discharges. The following chart shows a breakdown of payments and discharges for which the insurer was Medicaid in Connecticut acute care hospitals.

FY 1998 Medicaid Payments to Connecticut Acute Care Hospitals				
Hospital Name	Medicaid Payments	Percentage of total payments to Hospitals	Medicaid Discharges	Percentage of total discharges from hospitals
Backus	\$4,819,080	4.5%	1,229	10.9%
Bradley	\$375,726	1.5%	39	1.6%
Bridgeport	\$19,347,153	11.1%	3,848	20.2%
Bristol	\$3,968,431	5.9%	888	12.0%
CT Children's Medical Center	\$16,796,975	13.7%	1,514	37.2%
Danbury	\$9,119,603	5.1%	1,656	10.3%
Day Kimball	\$3,943,422	7.1%	719	13.6%
John Dempsey	\$15,550,112	13.2%	941	14.3%
Greenwich	\$1,440,285	1.4%	159	1.9%
Griffin	\$1,762,980	3.0%	471	7.9%
Hartford	\$26,976,119	7.6%	4,732	13.1%
Charlotte Hungerford	\$2,184,214	3.4%	598	9.5%
Johnson	\$1,712,247	4.7%	404	9.5%
Lawrence & Memorial	\$8,141,498	6.0%	1,600	11.8%
Manchester	\$1,764,122	2.0%	676	8.3%
Midstate Medical Center	\$6,468,195	7.2%	1,029	12.3%
Middlesex	\$5,970,876	4.7%	1,033	10.0%
Milford	\$1,376,025	3.3%	315	7.4%
New Britain	\$10,822,698	7.4%	2,436	15.6%
New Milford	\$1,042,084	2.5%	214	6.7%
Norwalk	\$8,281,697	5.8%	1,255	9.1%
Rockville General	\$2,551,661	5.8%	504	11.4%
St. Francis	\$29,416,846	10.2%	5,206	17.7%
St. Joseph	\$1,364,627	5.6%	110	4.2%
St. Mary's	\$10,557,239	9.9%	1,970	18.5%
St. Raphael	\$12,971,843	5.1%	2,375	10.2%
St. Vincent	\$7,888,963	5.5%	2,253	13.7%
Sharon	\$239,257	1.0%	95	3.2%
Stamford	\$5,351,225	4.6%	1,705	11.9%
Waterbury	\$9,694,698	8.1%	1,926	15.2%
Windham	\$4,250,098	10.0%	682	14.6%
Yale-New Haven	\$41,284,219	9.1%	7,203	17.9%
Total for all CT Acute Care Hospitals	\$277,434,218		49,785	

Source: Office of Health Care Access Hospital Budget System and Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database. State Medicaid expenditures are calculated by state fiscal year. Medicaid payments to hospitals, discharges, and lengths of stay are calculated by federal fiscal year. St. Joseph Medical Center only operated as an acute care hospital for the first two months (October and November) of FY 1999.

*Excludes discharges where patient age is less than six months and length of stay is greater than five days. Excluded discharges are associated with complications related to high-risk newborn population.

This information is presented by OHCA to inform policy makers, the public, and the health care industry. For further details, please call (860) 418-7028.